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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know if the Government are of opinion that there is no other man who is prepared to take up this post and who would discharge the duties better than at present? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" The question will arise after the present incumbent ceases to hold the appointment."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" How long will he continue? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I cannot say."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" What are the emoluments of the post? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Delay in filling up the Vice-Principalship of the Law College, Madras.

* 111 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the vacancy in the Vice-Principalship of the Law College has been filled up; and

(*b*) if not, what the reason is for the delay?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Madras Services Commission has been addressed to make a selection and has advertised the vacancy.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I ask whether this post should not go legitimately to persons who are holding the posts of Professors in the Law College at present? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" It is an office coming under the statutory rules; there is no such provision in those rules."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether the Government will not consider the desirability of abolishing this post in view of retrenchment? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" We have already made retrenchments; I do not think any further retrenchment is possible."

Overdrawal of the fixed travelling allowance by the Inspecting Officers of the Educational Department.

* 112 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether inspecting officers of the educational department have submitted memorials to Government regarding recovery of alleged overdrawn fixed travelling allowance;

(*b*) the circumstances under which such overdrawal was ordered;

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(c) the period for which recoveries have been ordered; and

(d) the action taken by Government on such memorials?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Prior to 1926 the touring of Deputy Inspectors was regulated by the provisions of the Madras Inspection Code according to which—

(i) Deputy Inspectors had to tour for 190 days in a year subject to certain monthly minima; and

(ii) District Educational Officers could condone shortage in touring in the case of Deputy Inspectors who had a large number of schools in or about the headquarters.

In 1926 a general revision of the travelling allowance rules took place. According to these rules Deputy Inspectors continued to have to tour for 190 days in a year but there was no minimum touring for any month and a journey could not be reckoned as a journey on tour if it did not reach a point outside a radius of more than five miles from headquarters. The rules further provided that if an officer did not tour for the prescribed number of days, his fixed travelling allowance should be reduced for each day in deficit by an amount equal to a day's travelling allowance. These rules were communicated by the Director of Public Instruction to subordinate officers on the 4th September 1926 and in a proceedings issued by the Government on the 2nd September 1927 and communicated by the Director of Public Instruction to subordinate officers on the 12th September 1927, it was definitely stated that the provisions in the Madras Inspection Code in regard to touring had been superseded by the new travelling allowance rules. The officers nevertheless continued to draw travelling allowance according to the provisions of the Madras Inspection Code and, as a result, some of them drew travelling allowance in excess of what they were eligible for according to the new rules. On a representation from the Director of Public Instruction, the recovery of overpayments up to end of 1927 was waived by the Government: and it was ordered that there was no justification for a further relaxation of the rules. The overdrawals were thus the result of officers having ignored definite instructions from the Government and the Director of Public Instruction.

(c) The Director of Public Instruction has ordered recoveries of overdrawals for the period from 1st January 1928 to 31st August 1931.

(d) No orders have been passed on the memorials.